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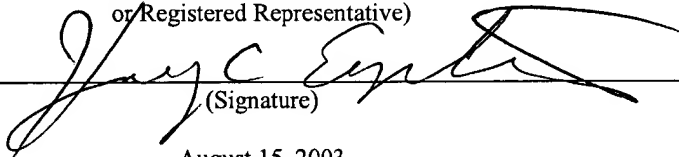
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action of July 1, 2003, the time for reply set to expire as of October 1, 2003, please amend the application on page 1 of the application in the title as follows:

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